

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1922 - SB 2107

April 5, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Removes the requirement that a pet be “domesticated”, in addition to being normally maintained in or near the household of its owner as is currently required, in determining whether a pet is covered by policy for pet insurance. This act shall apply to policies entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of the bill, which is July 1, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (014686, 015478): Amendment 014686 deletes all language of the original bill. Creates a task force to identify causes for balance billing and to recommend legislative solutions to protect consumers from balance billing by healthcare providers. This task force shall be comprised of four legislative members and fourteen non-legislative members, for a total of eighteen members. This act shall take effect upon becoming law. This task force shall cease to exist by February 1, 2017.

Amendment 015478 deletes and replaces language in the bill as amended by amendment 014686 to establish that legislative members of the task force are to only attend task force meetings in-person when attending to other legislative business in Nashville.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Legislative members will receive no compensation, per diem payment or expense reimbursements in addition to that which would otherwise be received in the absence of this legislation.
- Non-legislative members will serve on the task force without compensation, per diem or travel reimbursement.

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IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- This proposed legislation will have no significant impact on commerce or jobs in this state.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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